

Honorary Proclamation



BILL OWENS
GOVERNOR

WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND SAFETY WEEK *August 14 – 20, 2005*

WHEREAS, the Mason Gulch wildfire recently burned more than 11,000 acres, threatening lives, homes, domestic livestock, and wildlife; and there are currently several large fires burning in the state; and

WHEREAS, over 900 firefighters joined with local and state officials to battle the blaze at Mason Gulch, bravely risking their lives on behalf of their fellow Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, the continued and increasing drought across Colorado creates dangerous wildfire conditions that threaten the lives and property of Coloradans, as well as endanger our state's delicate ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, recent triple-digit temperatures throughout Colorado, combined with a record-setting absence of rainfall, have dried out much of Colorado's vegetation, creating an environment conducive to wildfire; and

WHEREAS, dry and hot conditions are not expected to abate in the coming weeks and months, greatly increasing the already-high threat of wildfires in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire Awareness and Safety Week will promote awareness and education of necessary actions and strategies to prevent wildfires, and the loss of life, property, and environmental damage associated therewith;

Now Therefore, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 14 – 20, 2005,

WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND SAFETY WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this fourteenth day of
August, 2005*

Bill Owens.

*Bill Owens
Governor*